

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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RECEIVED: October 12, 2012
PROJECT: Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project, Phase 2
APPLICANT: Meridian Farms Water Company
CONTACT: Meredith Parkin, Project Manager
COUNTY: Sutter
PUBLIC NOTICE: November 1, 2012
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Meridian Farms Water Company is proposing to remove the existing Meridian diversion and pumping plant along the Sacramento River near the Town of Meridian within Sutter County and to replace the Meridian diversion and pumping plant with a new diversion and pumping plant equipped with retractable cylindrical fish screens to prevent entrainment of migrating fish. The Project will include: 1) constructing a new 135 cubic feet per second (cfs) diversion with fish screens and a pumping plant adjacent to the existing Meridian diversion; 2) increasing the capacity of the Main Canal to convey flows to the Drexler Service Area; 3) constructing a new 35 cfs re-lift pump station to deliver flows to the Drexler Service Area via the newly constructed Drexler pipeline; 4) installing new 54-inch and 74-inch discharge pipelines; 5) removing the existing Meridian diversion and pumping plant; 6) removing the existing Drexler pumping plant and potentially removing the existing Drexler diversion; 7) modifying the existing Drexler outlet box; and 8) lining approximately 2,500 feet of the Grimes Canal, if funding is available. The new Meridian diversion with fish screens will increase the diversion capacity to compensate for the abandonment and potential removal of the existing Drexler diversion but will not increase the overall amount of diversion capacity. The Main Canal modifications will increase conveyance capacity to handle increased flows from the consolidation of the existing Drexler and Meridian diversions.